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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BOUGAINVILLE: ALLEGED U.S. INTERVENTION

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO RELEASE STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:

QUOTE: THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PORT MORESBY HAS BEEN
ADVISED OF RUMORS CIRCULATING ON BOUGAINVILLE TO THE EFFECT
THAT UNITED STATES MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES HAVE AGREED TO
INTERVENE TO ASSIST THE BOUGAINVILLE SEPARATISTS IN THEIR
EFFORTS TO SECEDE FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

THE EMBASSY WISHES TO STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT THE UNITED
STATES HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE BOUGAINVILLE SITUATION
AND HAS NO INTENTION OF INTERVENING IN ANY WAY. AS THE
EMBASSY HAS PREVIOUSLY STATED, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
DOES NOT SUPPORT SECESSIONIST MOVEMENTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
END QUOTE.

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2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMING THAT SABUMEI'S REQUEST REFLECTS CONCERN OF CABINET-LEVEL FIGURES IN GPNG.
FYI: WE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID MAKING FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON BOUGAINVILLE SITUATION. INGERSOLL

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